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# COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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## Emergency reserve used to buy property

### Some regents want to restore funds

By KELLY RICHARDSON  
Herald reporter

Western's emergency reserve may not be ready to handle tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters that could hit the Hill.

Money in a Western account reserved for natural disasters has been used for buying property for the university.

The money in the fund has decreased from \$2 million to

\$1.2 million after July of this year.

Information will be presented on the reserve at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Board of Regents Finance and Budget committee meeting.

The money was used to purchase the SKYPAC land and two other pieces of property on Kentucky Street, Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead said.

Spending the money was approved by Board members, but some regents want the reserve to be restored to its ideal balance of \$2 million. Faculty Regent Robert Diettle said

President Gary Ransdell said the reserve had decreased to about \$500,000 at one point. He said he wants to get the reserve to \$2 million by June.

Ransdell said Western has always had an emergency reserve fund as far as he knows.

He said the reserve has been used in recent years for buying property because Western doesn't have a budgeted account for property acquisition.

Western has a small contin-

gency fund, which is revenue that hasn't been budgeted, Ransdell said. The fund typically has about \$200,000 for unexpected costs, he said.

"It couldn't support six-figure property acquisitions," Ransdell said.

Western administrators have considered starting an account for buying property, but there are always greater needs in the school's budget.

Ransdell said minor emer-

gencies may still be covered by the reserve, but Continued from front page the money wouldn't cover something like a tornado damaging the campus.

He said a \$25 million reserve wouldn't be enough if Western suffered the same damage as institutions hit by Hurricane Katrina.

Other business to be discussed in Board of Regents committee meetings: ♦ Mead will present to the Finance and Budget Committee revisions to the 2005-06, operating budget, along with information on Western's revenue and expen-

ditures from July to September. She also will update the committee on the progress of the state budget process.

♦ The Executive Committee will discuss approving the naming of a floor in the future Academic-Athletic Performance Center after the Jack Harbaugh family and the overlook by Van Meter Hall after the Guthrie family.

♦ The Executive Committee will discuss approving a revision to Western's six-year capital plan.

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### The money was used to purchase SKYPAC land and Kentucky Street properties.

## Students help kids to read

### Mentoring program tutors needy children

By NINA ROSKIN  
Herald reporter

Western students have a chance to serve as mentors by helping underprivileged children learn how to read.

The Young Readers Club is a program in which volunteers from the community tutor children living in public housing. The volunteers come to one of the five learning centers in Bowling Green and help a child with reading for half an hour every week.

"The program has made the kids more eager to learn," said Oshkea Offit, supervisor of the Phoenix Learning Center site. "It has made them more willing to read and has improved their vocabulary."

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— Donna Workman  
program coordinator

Offit chose the children for the program based on their reading levels and work in school. She works mainly with community children from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Marilyn Sink, a junior from Charlestown, Ind., reads with two second graders every week. She chose to volunteer with the young readers as a way to give back to the community and to serve as a mentor to the children.

"I think the program gives the children someone different to work with other than mom and dad," Sink said. "It gives them an outside influence and a different view on reading."

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## Fear causes physical, mental reaction

### People are genetically prepared to be afraid

By TAVIA GREEN  
Herald reporter

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When we experience threatening or fearful psychological situations, our body reacts physically.

A part of our brain called the hypothalamus, which controls our basic drives like hunger and thirst, sends a signal that activates our sympathetic nervous system, psychology professor Joseph Bilotta said.

The sympathetic nervous system releases hormones that allow the body to deal with emergency situations.

When fear strikes an individual, a response often called "fight-or-flight" occurs, Bilotta said.

The body prepares the muscles to fight off the danger or run from it.

The heart rate increases, the

lungs dilate or widen to allow more air flow, goose bumps rise on the skin as a defense mechanism and the digestive system shuts down.

The reason palms sweat is a mystery. Other symptoms include dilated pupils, decreasing of saliva, widening of bronchioles or air passages and secretion of sweat and adrenal glands.

A hormone called epinephrine or adrenaline is released, causing the body to trigger all these responses. Epinephrine is the main chemical used during the body's reaction to fear.

"It's all designed to get blood out muscles so you can fight or flight," Bilotta said.

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Kevion Riggs, 6, from Bowling Green, and Paducah freshman Erin Sills practice reading at the Phoenix Apartment Learning Center on Tuesday afternoon.

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## City to open dog park next summer

### Dog flu may be a concern; no reported cases so far

By MACKENZIE EDD  
Herald reporter

Some dog owners might begin worrying about their pet catching the flu in dog parks.

Veterinarians in Warren County are keeping a close watch for dog flu as the city prepares to build a dog park next year, although there have been no reported cases of dog flu in the region.

Bowling Green city commissioners decided in June to open a dog park where canines are permitted to run without leashes.

City Commissioner Brian Strow said there was open land near Cave Mill Road that looked perfect for a dog park.



Bowling Green senior Hannah Pepin and Abigail Wellman, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., walk Pepin's dogs Alice and

See PARK, PAGE 8 Possible down Normal Drive Tuesday night.

## Some Western employees may lose land to campus expansion

### Property may be used for new Education building

By KELLY RICHARDSON  
Herald reporter

Western officials say it's too early for some employees to be concerned about losing their land to the university for a new educational building.

Western's master plan, a 20-year plan for campus growth, includes pieces of property that Western could be interested in for future projects, said John Osborne, the vice president for campus services and facilities. Some of that property is owned by

Western employees. It's possible that the property will be used for a new College of Education building, even though the master plan doesn't outline a specific use for the area, President Gary Ransdell said.

Administrators have already determined three properties on Normal Drive will be needed for the future building, including two that are sites of sorority houses.

The Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu sorority houses sit on property Western wants to use for the new building. The two sororities are supposed to be getting houses in the new

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### Weather watch

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source: www.apple.com

## A thousand words



When Katrina came to New Orleans a couple of months ago, Jon Acosta had to escape to Bowling Green from the thrashing his house received, Loyola University, where he went to school, and all the great bars where he spent so many nights with his friends. New Orleans was the first place he ever called home.

Jon's been in and out of different boarding schools since he was in the sixth grade. He liked some more than others, but his mind was too free for the institutionalized life. As a junior in high school, he moved to New Orleans with his mom after getting kicked out of boarding school. He loved it there; it was diverse, fast and he could live any way he wanted.

That life in New Orleans was wild. When it washed away, he liked the idea of moving to Kentucky. He wanted to be in a place where his thoughts could breathe, where he could do a little writing and there was this girl there — a girl he met two years ago.

Finley Wisner was born in the United States but grew up in Saudi Arabia, because her parents are in the oil business there. She was a boarding school kid too, but they didn't meet until after he got kicked out. She was the perfect person with whom he could seek refuge. Jon came here for Finley, but it didn't work out the way it would have if this were a world where hurricanes didn't come and wash away entire cities.

He drinks at the bars "cause that's the only thing in Bowling Green that reminds him of home. Most nights, Finley goes out with him. But when she gets tired, she goes home. He stays and drinks alone. Jon is enrolled in classes and has an apartment, but wants to see his family and friends and help his dad restore the business.

But he's stuck here for now.

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## Crime reports

### Reports

- Shunarti N. Payne, Keen Hall, reported on Oct. 21 his Motorola Razr phone stolen from his gym bag in Preston Center. The value of the theft was \$330.
- Alcica A. Kauble, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Oct. 22 her Samsung A620 cell phone and charger stolen from her room. The value of the theft was \$160.
- Christopher N. Flanagan, Rodes-Harlin Hall, reported on Oct. 22 10 residents' doors and two bulletin boards damaged on several floors in the hall. The value of the damage was \$150.
- Matthew G. Hunter, PFT, reported on Oct. 24 smoke coming from a room on the 18th floor. A maintenance worker determined it was from a burnt-out motor in a heater.

- Jonathan O. Dugan, Bardstown, was arrested on Oct. 21 for alcohol intoxication in a public place in the Schneider lot. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

### Arrest

Jonathan O. Dugan



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## Health

# Flu shots to be offered today

By JOEY LESLIE  
Herald reporter

Influenza is so common that it has its own season.

To help fight the flu this winter, Health Services will provide flu shots from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. today. The cost is \$25, and the vaccination is covered by insurance.

"It's why purpose is to get your body to react to make antibodies," said Wayne MacGregor, registered nurse and Health Services business manager. "It kicks your body into gear to fight the flu if you come into contact with it."

The flu shot is recommended for people living in dorms or other close quarters, women

who are pregnant and the elderly. It is not recommended for people who are already sick.

MacGregor said the vaccine will protect people against the winter's three most common strains of influenza. It could still be possible, although much less likely, to catch a different strain of the flu, he said.

MacGregor said the flu has the potential of being life threatening depending on a person's immune system and overall health.

About 36,000 people die from influenza and about 200,000 people are hospitalized because of flu-related complications each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Common symptoms of influenza include fever, muscle aches, sore throat, dry cough, headache and extreme fatigue. Symptoms can last three to seven days or longer, according to the CDC Web site.

Health Services has received 500 doses of the vaccine, and an additional 500 doses have been ordered, MacGregor said. Western may not receive the extra doses because priority is being given to Hurricane Katrina survivors who are living in shelters, he said.

More than 800 people received the vaccination from Health Services last year, MacGregor said.

Nashville freshman Tiffany Marshall said she would get the

flu shot if Western offered it. She said she received the vaccination the past two years.

Brandenburg freshman Sara Phillips said she won't get vaccinated.

"It made me sick and tired," she said. "I run track, and I don't want it to get in the way of that."

MacGregor said there are typically no side effects except some tenderness in the arm. Doses remaining after today will be administered on a walk-in basis during Health Services' regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

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## Academics

# Snell site rebuilding planned

By AMBER COULTER  
Herald reporter

Bowling Green sophomores Jessica Howard and Lauren Valleroy poured over a 3-inch stack of books and papers while preparing for a chemistry test in the Thompson Complex North Wing lobby yesterday.

It's difficult to find a spot to study in the building's lobby, Howard said.

Both students said they would like a new science building to have more study space.

Designers and Ogden College representatives are considering such options as they near the completion of preliminary plans for the new Snell Hall.

Designers are waiting to receive final approval from the college's departments before they begin detailed designs, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

The project is still in the preliminary design stage. The department of planning, design

and construction representatives may begin taking bids for construction this summer at the earliest, Ault said.

The planned building will be four stories tall, making it a little smaller than Thompson Complex North Wing, Ogden College Dean Blaine Ferrell said.

The facility will be built on the site of the recently demolished Snell Hall between Thompson Complex and Chestnut Street, Ferrell said. It will connect to Thompson Complex Central Wing and the Science and Engineering Building.

The building will be financed by \$33 million in state funds, Ault said. The grant will also fund renovations to Thompson Complex and Science and Technology Hall.

Senior Project Manager Ben Johnson said the building should cost about \$20 million.

Johnson said he is working with Ferrell, an Ogden College committee and an architectural team to decide on a definite plan. The committee is in charge of

deciding the college's academic and spatial needs. Johnson met with the group yesterday to discuss plans for the building.

Committee members discussed how much space they can afford for the building, how much space each department needs and which departments should be near one another, Johnson said.

Johnson said he envisions the building being an integration of all the college's departments.

Faculty members are primarily asking for more space in the building, he said.

But the facility will be smaller than originally planned because administrators asked the state for \$8 million more than they received, and construction costs have risen significantly since that time.

Committee members are trying to accommodate the college's growth during the last decade, said Andrew Ernest, Ogden College associate dean and committee chairperson. Some departments in the col-

lege have increased the number of students in classes, and others have tripled the amount of research they do, he said.

Franklin junior Clayton Britt said he wants the new building to have better furniture. He spends about 10 hours each week in science classes, mostly on unpadded wooden stools.

The team of architects hired to design the new Snell is the same team that designed the Biological Studies and Engineering Building, said John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but things are moving along," he said.

Designing labs takes more time and planning than designing other buildings because of the various safety measures and special features, such as fume hoods and well-regulated air conditioning systems, Ault said.

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# OPINION

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## EDITORIAL

# Up in smoke

The location and enforcement of smoking areas is questionable

We could be crazy not to tackle the issue of designated smoking areas since it landed on our front door step—literally. We were less than thrilled to see that the front of the Student Publications office was chosen by a staff council subcommittee to be a smoker's sanctuary.

Excuse me, I don't think I'm the lucky one? Creating designated smoking areas isn't a horrible idea. We just don't understand the logic behind the locations or how enforcement is going to work.

The idea for creating designated smoking areas came from staff complaints about walking outside into clouds of smoke. Staff members bothered by smoke in their offices were also concerned with people smoking near air conditioner intakes.

Neither complaint is unfounded. But why are the designated smoking areas near building entrances? Take a look at the list:

- ◆ Academic Complex - Canon Wing porch and Guthrie Tower entrance
- ◆ Cherry Hall - back porch
- ◆ Diddle Arena - entrance 3 (the student entrance)
- ◆ Downing University Center - left of post office door
- ◆ Environmental Sciences and Technology Building - entrance on the right side
- ◆ Fine Arts Center - recital hall door
- ◆ Garrett Center - front of the Student Publications Office
- ◆ Griss Hall - second floor patio
- ◆ Helm-Cravens Library - porch on left side, right of fourth floor ramp and Java City entrance
- ◆ Media and Technology Hall - back patio
- ◆ Preston Center - front patio
- ◆ Smith Stadium - stairs near Room 121
- ◆ Tate Page Hall - back porch
- ◆ Thompson Complex Central Wing - left of the front entrance

Every one of these locations is either an entrance or entry by one.

It's true that these are some of the "less popular" entrances, but plenty of people still use them.

The problem hasn't been solved, just moved. Instead of several hundred dots of smoke, there will be massive clouds in front of other building entrances. This brings us to our other question: How will this new smoking policy be enforced?

Western has plans to purchase 121 "no smoking" signs and 34 "designated smoking area" signs complete with Braille for the bargain price of \$12,000. Is that the whole plan?

We don't think that will cut it. In an Oct. 20 Herald article, Bowling Green senior Kris Upchurch said, "Nobody else has any more right to the air than I do." As long as I'm not smoking inside, I'm not sure I'd want to stand in one place or another, to be honest.

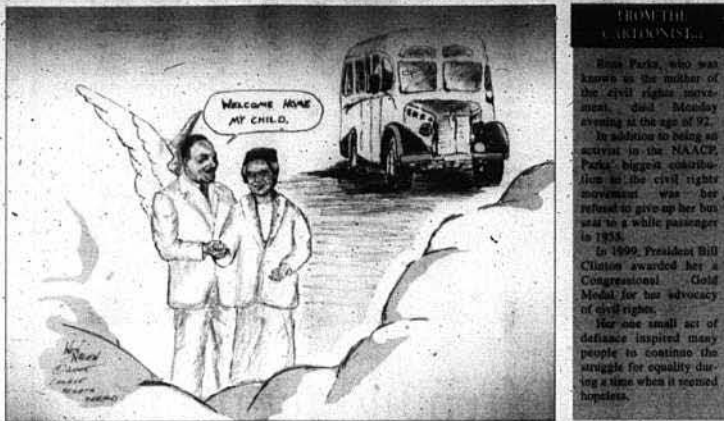
Surely he's not the only one who feels that way. Maybe Western could hire a "smoking patrol" to snuff cigarettes from students smoking in the wrong areas. The Nicotine Nazis could slap them not with a citation, but with Nicorette patches.

If that doesn't work, Tazers might do the trick. Just zap the cigarettes out of their hands.

In all seriousness, we're sitting here scratching our heads, too. Enforcing the designated smoking areas won't be easy.

It's nice to see the staff council taking steps toward creating a healthier environment for Western students and faculty, but the council may be in a little over its head this time.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's eight-member board of student editors.



## STUDY ABROAD WINNING ESSAY

# Big Macs, speakerphone prayers and other Thanksgiving ramblings

By Corey Alderdice

Only Americans would celebrate a holiday like Thanksgiving. Granted, every culture has some sort of day where they reflect on what they have and why that should bring them some sort of satisfaction. Americans, in their ever grand style, seek to take this one step further. We have managed to manufacture a holiday to celebrate Manifest Destiny and the so-called "American Dream"—fully accessorized with cardboard pilgrim hats and Indian/Naïve American features and plastic, inflatable cartoon characters.

Half a world away and seven hours into the American future in Brussels, no one seems to realize the fourth Thursday in November is really anything more than, well, the fourth Thursday in November. To me, it should come as no surprise when I awake in my hotel bedroom that there is no smell of roasting turkey permeating the air. I'm not even sure if Belgians enjoy roasted turkey—perhaps a thought I shall explore later in the day.

Unhappily and wearing the same clothes I've had on for the past three days, I look like most of the other weary, 20-something travelers. A mix of languages and cereal crunching bounces around the small dining room. A young man about my age notices the journal in front of me—the text in English.

"Morning," he says. The accent is American, easily. If I had to guess, probably the northern part of the Midwest—maybe even Chicago. "Happy Thanksgiving."

We exchange pleasantries and talk about how we won't be watching parades or Dallas football. "I always thought it was funny how the Cowboys played on Thanksgiving," I say.

He replies, "Yeah, leave it to Americans to capitalize on imperial cowboys being victorious over the Redskins. Ironic, isn't it?" A world away on Thanksgiving, and two

Americans share a laugh about our home, our own little ways. After 15 minutes of chatter, we part ways.

I spend the morning wandering around the city. Most people are going about their daily business. After all, I'm the only person who realizes there's anything extra to this day other than it's Thursday. Walking through Wenceslas Square, I notice a group of men constructing a life-size stable. In a matter of days, this will be one of those quintessential holiday scenes trimmed with full size fir trees, live animals and actors. I laugh, thinking that Americans would be the only culture paucity enough to stage a life-size nativity surrounded by blinking light and blinged out trees.

Tomorrow, after a morning of shopping, I realize my family will be doing the same thing. Inevitably, my mom will have her Bing Crosby holiday CD in the stereo. Lost in the nostalgia of a Norman Rockwell scene, it's easy to forget that most of that Friday would be spent in lines at the mall or pulling dusty boxes out of the attic. When you're alone, though, you have a tendency to forget the petty details and hone in on the bigger picture.

A day of meandering around the city quickly becomes a brisk evening. Eating alone was never one of my strong suits, and eating alone today (of all days) seems to be my only option. Brussels is known for mussels, chocolate and waffles, but that just doesn't sound like a Thanksgiving dinner. Then, in a moment of pure American genius, I know there's really only one place I should eat.

McDonald's. Nothing is more American than the Golden Arches. No matter what the country you find yourself in and what language is used, the words "Big Mac, fries and a Coke" have a strange universal significance. I should feel guilty that this is what America is to most people, but I just want to feel at home. Sitting in the restaurant, I know I'm missing out on one holiday, and yet I cannot help but think about

the experience I'm gaining. The people in Plymouth colony set out for a new world with new possibilities. Negotiate and debate the finer points of expansion and its social and political impacts, but things must have been scary that first Thanksgiving—a world away and having no clue what tomorrow would bring.

I'd be lying if I didn't say I enjoyed that extra edge my adventure abroad afforded. However, I came to realize that no matter where you are, where you come from remains an important part of who you are even when you're away. Such clarity has never been prompted by a Big Mac and will likely never again do so.

After leaving the restaurant, I looked at my watch. It's 7 p.m. (local time). That would mean my family is coming together in our small Kentucky home to celebrate this American holiday. I find a pay phone and call home. My mom picks up the phone. She wouldn't admit it, but I could hear a bit of melancholy in her voice—missing me and knowing that I was missing out.

"We're just about to sit down for dinner," she says, and then her voice perks up. "I have an idea. Why don't I put you on speakerphone, and you can say the blessing." Of course the blessing is the crux of any "God fearing" American meal. And while I'd rather not, I would hate to disappoint my mom. So, in a phone booth I say a prayer over speakerphone. Heavenly Father, on this day of thanks, I thank you for my family. Even a world away, I'm blessed to be able to share this time, albeit brief, with them. Bless this phone and those who receive it. May we all be together again soon. Amen.

My mom just wanted something to remind her of what today is—where identity is. Thanksgiving is a celebration of identity—both American and personal. Even when I wasn't home, well, home was with me. All sarcasm aside, that's something to be thankful for.

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out there. It's a waste of money to replace garbage cans and ceiling tiles because you have nothing better to do,

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## Column

## Wackiest holiday requires imagination



JUST SAYIN'  
Amber North

It's about that time when students are sick with pneumonia or mononucleosis, thanks to this silly weather change.

But that sure as heck won't stop us from preparing for the wackiest holiday.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**  
I freaking love this holiday! Everyone is so serious about Halloween. I mean, people actually think of their costumes months in advance.

As a kid, I was all about it. Dress up, be cute, get lots o'

candy. The last time I participated in such festivities was in the sixth grade when I was the Grim Reaper.

Yeah, I was morbid at such an early age.

Last year, I got the urge to dress up again. I even did the whole preparation thing. I was so sure I was going to be Margot Tenenbaum from "The Royal Tenenbaums," but I figured it'd be too expensive to buy a fur coat and a Lacoste polo dress.

So I narrowed my costume to being Nancy Spungen, a.k.a. the second half of Sid and Nancy, b.k.a. the punk groupie who was sliced to pieces by Sex Pistols' bassist Sid Vicious (allegedly).

I got a really short mini skirt, fish net stockings, wore my black boots, splattered fake blood all over my body and all that good stuff.

But my personal favorite

was placing a pen that looked like a needle filled with blood on the vein of my arm and tying it up with a shoelace. Because she was a heroin addict, ha! Tasteless.

That's why I love Halloween — no barriers whatsoever. It gives us permission to dress totally skanky or totally swanky. Either way, it's gonna be fantastic. Most importantly, it allows us to use our imagination. And you know what Willy Wonka said: imagination is all you need.

Speaking of, Willy Wonka would be a great costume. I've yet to see someone be Willy Wonka. If I see any of you walking around in a Willy Wonka costume, I'll buy you a drink. Two drinks if you dress up as Jimi Hendrix.

Another suggestion is going as Oprah. She's a billionaire, but your costume

would be inexpensive: Just gain 100 pounds and then lose it all by the weekend. You'd definitely win contests for that one.

You know another great thing about Halloween? Five words: The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Is that movie not the greatest piece of garbage ever to hit the reel? I mean, really. Every year I watch it. I always think, "Why is this horrible movie so triggerin' awesome?"

But it's still a great — dare I say? — "cult classic." You can never go wrong with dancing hunchbacks, singing transvestites and a coked-out Meat Loaf.

I can't wait for the sinful fun to begin!

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## News Brief

## Forensic Team wins tournament honors

Members of Western's Forensic team took home honors at the Illinois State University/ISU Alumni Swing last weekend in Normal, Ill.

The team beat Arizona State University and Bradley University for the team sweepstakes title.

Natalie Sintek, a sophomore from Eagan, Minn., was named tournament champion in programmed oral interpretation and duo interpretation with her partner Lydia Nelson, a junior from Carver, Mass., in the ISU portion. Sintek also won tournament champion in after dinner speaking in the alumni portion.

The forensic team also competed in the Ball State University "Age of Aquarius" Invitational in Muncie, Ind. on Saturday. Members of the team won six individual titles

at the tournament.

Mayfield senior Ashley Brasfield was named tournament champion in dramatic interpretation; programmed oral interpretation and individual sweepstakes.

Western also hosted the 2005 WKU Debate Fiesta last weekend. The tournament featured more than 100 entries in parliamentary debate, novice parliamentary debate and the Lincoln-Douglas debate. Members of the team placed during the tournament.

Florence senior Justin Cress won top speaker and quarterfinalist in the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Adam Huelgel, a sophomore from Rosenberg, Texas, won octofinalist in parliamentary debate with his partner, Owensboro sophomore Chad Meadows, and seventh speaker in parliamentary debate.

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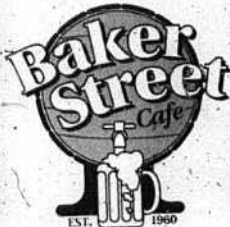
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## FACULTY: May lose home to project

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Greek Village, President Gary Ramsdell said.

Ramsdell said Western won't necessarily use the pieces of property addressed in the master plan.

"There's been a lot of emotion spent on worrying about that, but in my mind that's premature, because we don't know if we want it yet," he said.

Bill Powell, former head swimming coach, lives on a piece of property mentioned in the master plan on Regents Avenue. He has lived there for 37 years.

Powell learned the land he lives on could be on the site of the new building after hearing people talk about it.

Powell said he doesn't want to move, even if money is offered. He said he might change his mind if a building is built next to his house.

"We've always felt that's out home, we raised four kids there," he said. "It's not about money for us, it's about where we want to be."

Carla Bohannon, an office associate in department of Allied Health, has lived on a piece of property mentioned in the master plan since 1998. She learned her property was in the plan about three months ago.

"I was very disappointed to say the least," she said.

She said she would allow Western to move her house to a new location, but she doesn't know if the university would do that.

"I have no intentions of going anywhere anytime soon," she said.

Osborne said Western tries to reach a deal with the owners when buying property. Western has not had to use eminent domain to acquire property, he said.

"We've not needed to employ it in the past, and it is our plan and goal and intent to do this project without employing it in the future," he said.

The new College of Educational and Behavioral Sciences building is still in the planning stages, and the plan is dependent on the amount of state appropriations Western receives for the project, Ramsdell said.

Western is asking \$35 million for the project, he said.

"But getting that amount's probably a long shot," he said.

The General Assembly will meet in January to begin setting the state budget. Osborne said ideally the budget will be done in April, and then Western will know where they stand with the project.

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### What's your story

## Curtains open for Robert Anderson

BY TAVIA GREEN  
Herald reporter



Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson, Jr. remembers standing on stage in seventh grade during his school's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

12-year-old Anderson played the lead role of Pharaoh the King, but he was doing it Elvis Presley style.

Dressed in a white body suit, pompadour wig, big sunglasses and a cape, he imitated Elvis' voice with a crooked lip.

As he strut across the stage, the audience laughed and clapped.

"His friends and other family members were amazed when they saw him do it," said Rosemarie Anderson, his mother.

"They didn't think he'd have the courage to act like that on stage," Anderson then knew that being in front of an audience was his calling.

"Getting that laugh was a lot of fun," he said.

The 19-year-old Fort Mitchell sophomore came to Western to major in performing arts.

Currently, Anderson can be seen in "Taruffe," a comedy about a con-artist trying to convince his family he is a religious man.

He said he has a passion for acting, although some have tried to discourage him from pursuing the course.

"Everyone says 'it's not a real major, and you won't get work doing that,' you always hear that," Anderson said.

But Anderson said he takes the advice of one of his advisers from his freshman seminar class. "You got to be good at what you chose to do. Pick a major you like and enjoy doing and can succeed at," Anderson said.

His parents, Rosemarie and Robert Anderson, Sr., have been very supportive of his choice to be an actor, he said.

Rosemarie Anderson said as they look through family photos they always see Robert Jr. dressed up in costumes and pretending to be different characters.

"He's always had a passion for performing and seems to take pleasure in it," Rosemarie said.

"We want to encourage him to do what interests him."

But before his acting debut, he had to adjust to American culture.

When Anderson was 5 years old, his father's job transferred his family to England.

He lived there for four years.

"It's a completely different culture," Anderson said.

They watched baseball on satellite television and had American currency to count along with the English pound.

"When they came back, they had to jump back into American culture," Rosemarie said.

Anderson said he adjusted to America pretty well.

He pursued athletics while in high school and played baseball and soccer.

Rosemarie said she thinks it made him well rounded, and some of the things he learned on the sports field, such as practice and teamwork, carried over to performing arts.

He said the adrenaline rush

from the sports he used to play is much like the adrenaline rush he gets when performing.

When he's not performing, Anderson participates in his activities with the Phi Delta Beta fraternity.

"I like the camaraderie that you build with the group and always feel welcomed and belong," Anderson said. "You have great friendships."

He plans to graduate on time and pursue acting as a full-time career.

As for now, Anderson is having fun acting in plays produced by the college and being involved in his fraternity.

"He's a real cool guy," said roommate and friend Glenn Fedor, a Louisville sophomore.

He's interested in a lot of different things, so people had a lot of different aspects. He's a well rounded person."

But Fedor said when he watches Anderson perform in plays, it's like watching a different person.

"He puts on this totally different side that you wouldn't expect," Fedor said. "He's really good at it."

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## Student life

## Theater students bring 'Rocky Horror' to life

BY MEGAN VENZIN  
Herald reporter

Western students are preparing to do the whole warp again as they perform "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the spirit of Halloween.

The film, directed by Jim Sharman, celebrates the 30th anniversary of its release this year. "Rocky Horror" is considered a cult classic for its taboo presentation of sex, drag dress and wild parodying.

"Rocky Horror" will be played while a live cast performs scenes from the movie on Oct. 18 and 29 at DUC Theater. Admission is \$5, which includes a free prop bag. Doors will open at 11:30 p.m., and the performance begins at midnight.

Aranee Garland, the advisor and programming coordinator of the Campus Activity Board, said they were hoping to show the film for Halloween when they found out a group of students was interested in per-

forming scenes from the movie. Ovenshown senior Cassandra Riley is the director of the show as well as a performer. A group of students decided to go to CAB to find a sponsor and discovered Garland had performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" in St. Louis.

Riley and her friend, Louisville junior Ashley Brightwell, held an interest meeting for the program last spring. They had already talked to certain people who wanted to get involved and said who they would be good for the roles.

Brightwell is the casting director and costume designer for "Rocky Horror" and is also playing the Columbia character. She portrayed Janet for three months in Louisville's cast before deciding to bring "Rocky Horror" to Western.

"This show has been taking up my entire life for the past few weeks," Brightwell said. "Rehearsals have been insane."

There will be 12 cast members, Brightwell said. In addition to the cast, several "trainees" will be responsible for monitoring and raising audience participation during the show.

The trainees will make sure audience members are using their prop bags accordingly. For example, rice from the bags should be thrown during the wedding scenes. Other props will coincide with various scenes from the movie.

"If there is good audience participation, it's going to be a good show," Riley said.

Brightwell remembers being blown away the first time that she saw "Rocky Horror" and said she thinks the Western crowd will love the show.

There also will be costume contests on both nights, and winners will be determined by audience applause.

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## Student life

## Series to examine college students' eating habits

BY MEGAN VENZIN  
Herald reporter

When Western students kiss mom and dad goodbye, sometimes they also say farewell to healthy eating.

"Eating Your Way Through College" is a three-part series that focuses on eating right during the college years and teaches students how to deal with eating problems.

Betty Pierce, outreach coordinator and counselor at Western, has presented programs on body image before through the "Passport to Wellness" series. She hopes to elaborate on these issues with the new health series that began Oct. 18 and ends Nov. 1.

Pierce said the idea for "Eating Your Way Through College" was born out of last

fall's demand for a support group for people with eating issues. She said she hopes the series is educational and that students will engage in the discussion portion of the program.

She said it is "important for students to recognize if they have a problem and know how to manage it."

Students complain that too many restaurants on campus offer fatty, unbalanced meals.

These temptations lead students to developing poor eating habits. Ovenshown sophomore Amanda Powers said, "Eating Your Way Through College" will help people make better choices when eating on campus."

Marion sophomore Tyler Etheridge said the program will help students identify their own eating habits and set their dieting priorities straight.

"It could give them a better outlook on their lives," he said.

The Oct. 18 program focused on emotional eating with highlights on the "freshman 15" concept.

"Freshman 15" is a label used to describe the amount of weight that most freshmen gain during their first year in college.

Body image and struggles with eating were covered on Tuesday, and "Food as an obsession" will be the topic on Nov. 1.

If the series generates a positive response, Pierce hopes to make it a yearly event. She said that there is also the possibility that a problem eating support group will be created as a result of the program.

The future program will take place from 8-9 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Downing University Center Room 340.

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## Faculty and staff

## Hill welcomes back two returning from military

BY KATIE BRANDENBERG  
Herald reporter

Many people watch recovery efforts in Iraq and the Gulf Coast on television.

But some Western employees have experienced those efforts first hand.

In recent months, a faculty member and a staff member at Western have returned to the Hill from military deployments. Chief Warrant Officer Gary

Hutchinson, a senior micro-computing consultant for network computing and communication, returned in July from Tikrit, Iraq. Capt. Linda Lewis, an instructor in the military sciences department, returned in September from Gulfport, Miss.

The Western employees witnessed the effects of tragedies that took place overseas and in other parts of the country.

Hutchinson, a member of the Army Reserve, learned that he

was being sent to Iraq in March. He left May 17 for Tikrit and returned to the country on July 24.

Hutchinson flew Apache helicopters as part of military assets and reconnaissance missions while in Tikrit. His battalion, which was based in Fort Knox, provided security for military units, including units comprised of newly-trained Iraqi troops.

Hutchinson worked a 12-hour shift from midnight to noon. He said mission assign-

ments were given off before he went to bed, but assignments were unpredictable.

Lewis had to deal with a disaster that occurred just a few hours away from where she was stationed.

Lewis, who is a member of the Tennessee National Guard based out of Lebanon, spent 17 days in Gulfport, Miss., near the region that was hit by Hurricane Katrina. She worked as a battle captain for two battalions of military police.

Lewis said she learned she was being deployed on Aug. 31 and left for Mississippi five days later.

Gulfport was the tactical operations center for the Mississippi coast line, Lewis said. It was her job to keep track of the actions of and plan future operations for military police battalions in the field.

Though she left the operations base for only one day to survey damage on the coast, Lewis said she experienced the

tragedy of Hurricane Katrina through her fellow National Guard members.

Lewis said she remembered standing in the line to eat on the base and hearing people talk about homes destroyed in the hurricane and getting electricity back in their neighborhoods.

"They were victims just as much as they were National Guard members," Lewis said.

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## Swimming and diving

## Tops to experiment with Butler

BY LAURA CLARK  
Herald reporter

When the Western swimming and diving teams take on Butler at 1 p.m. Saturday, senior Stacey Schortgen will not be swimming her best event — the 1,000-yard freestyle.

In the opening meet victory over Delta State, Schortgen swam a personal best time (10:25.40) in the event and was three seconds off the school record.

Instead, Schortgen will swim the 400 individual medley. She said she doesn't think she will win the race.

Schortgen isn't being singled out or punished. Every swimmer will be racing in their third-strongest event, according to coach Bruce Marchionda.

"It's a good way to see how our third or fourth event is going

to be early in the season," Schortgen said.

Schortgen said racing in their off events will provide a starting point for improvement.

Coach Bruce Marchionda is structuring the swimmers this way for several reasons. Most of all, it will be helpful later in the season and in the Sun Belt Conference Championships.

"We're taking this opportunity race in events we don't normally race in," he said.

Butler (0-1) has about 20 male and female swimmers. Marchionda said he can use this strategy because Butler lacks depth and is a relatively young program.

He said having swimmers race in their third or fourth event will make the meet a lot closer and more interesting.

Junior Trevano McPhee's best event is the 200 breaststroke, but

Saturday he will be swimming the 100 butterfly.

Unlike Schortgen, McPhee said he has a chance to win his race. He said he has looked at some of Butler's times and noticed they aren't as strong as Western's.

"We should win every event," McPhee said.

The Butler meet will answer questions beyond individual events. Marchionda said he will be stacking the 200 medley and freestyle relays for both the men and women. He wants to find out who has the fastest 50-yard times to build the best relay teams for future meets.

"Almost all dual meets are preparation for what we do at the end of the year," Marchionda said.

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## PARK: Dogs can run leashless

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"Pets make your life richer, so reward them by taking them to a park and letting them off their leash," Strow said. "It really makes them happier."

The dog park is scheduled to open in summer 2006, Strow said.

Dog flu is spread through the air, so crowded areas such as kennels and dog parks increase the risks of illness, said Doug Peterson, a veterinarian at the Animal Hospital on Campbell Lane.

He said it would be safe to take a dog to the new park because there have been no reported cases.

Don Denton, a veterinarian at Westgate Veterinary Hospital on Russellville Road, said dogs that continually go outside are more healthy than dogs that stay inside.

"Dogs can build up their immune system to tolerate germs," Denton said. "If a dog that stays locked up does not

challenge their immune system, it becomes weaker and more vulnerable to diseases."

Erica Guest, a senior from Cross Plains, Tenn., said she would take Mr. Jakors, her 15-week-old beagle, to the new Bowling Green dog park.

"I'm not going to shut him inside," she said. "I'm going to let him have a good time and just be a puppy. You can't worry about every little thing."

Bowling Green junior Meredith Freeland said she also would take her 2-year-old-mutt Trouble to the dog park.

"As long as she is up to date with her shots, I think everything would be fine," Freeland said. "I'm not worried about the canine flu because no one around here has reported anything serious."

The best way to protect a

dog against the canine flu is to give it all of the necessary vaccines, and feed it properly, Peterson said.

However, Peterson said there aren't any vaccines for this dog flu.

Flu symptoms include fever, runny nose and a cough. According to www.kirby.com, viruses have been reported in California, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon and Washington.

Peterson said more than 95 percent of dogs recover from the flu within two to three weeks. Sick dogs need plenty of bed rest, liquids and antibiotics.

Dog owners shouldn't take their pet to a dog park if it is sick, Peterson said.

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### Women's soccer

## Original member now a leader

BY MIKE DUNCAN  
Herald reporter

It took some time, but fifth-year senior midfielder Christi Banas is emerging as a leader this season.

"Right now, she's the best leader we've ever had," coach Jason Neidell said.

Banas is leading the team in goals (seven) and points (16) and is second in shots on goal (15) this season. Those numbers are a big improvement over previous seasons when her highest goal total was three.

"Everyone looks at me like a role model," Banas said. "It keeps me in check."

Banas and senior defenseman Jenny Dalby are the only two remaining players from the first year of Lady Topper soccer in 2000.

Senior midfielder Katherine Hunt is impressed with how important the game of soccer has become to Banas.

"She cares so, so much," Hunt said. "She was here to have fun, but now the game means a lot to her."

Neidell said she is worth

more to the team than simply her career numbers.

"On the field, she's playing poise," Neidell said. "But there's so much more that she brings to the team."

Banas shows the other players something in her determination, Neidell said. Not every player shows the improvement during the course of a career that Banas has displayed.

"She is a skillful player and a creative player, but it is her sheer determination that has gotten her where she is," Neidell said.

According to Banas, her improvement is related to what Hunt said about Banas's view of the game.

"My mentality has really helped me," Banas said. "As a freshman, I had a soft mentality, but that has changed."

Banas's growth has been important to the success of the Lady Toppers (6-7-3, 4-2-1 Sun Belt Conference) this season. They are in the middle of the

conference standings and poised to make a run in the Sun Belt next week.

Neidell said Banas's leadership skills have always been there, but this year she has really brought them forward.

"Other... players have always looked up to her, but she hasn't realized the importance of her role until this year," Neidell said. "Now she realizes it, and it's turned her into a really wonderful leader."

After a three-game winning streak, Western fell to Arkansas-Little Rock

2-1 Sunday.

Western will host two of the top teams in the Sun Belt this weekend: Sun Belt No. 1 North Texas (12-2-2, 7-0 SBC) will invade the Hill at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Lady Toppers will close the regular season with Denver (7-7-2, 4-2-1 SBC) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Christi Banas

## MOVES: UALR is top competition

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"Running in the cold will be a bit of a mental challenge for me," Siggs said. "I will have to adjust my frame of mind that I had set for the race, but I am going to go out there with a positive attitude and give my best."

The sudden change in location will not affect the way the team will prepare for the meet, Long said.

"We have a set practice schedule that we have stuck to for 26 years," he said. "The only difference is we get to sleep in our own beds."

All of the teams in the Sun Belt have run the course at Karpis Park except for one, Long said.

"Troy State is new to the conference this year, and even though the course is fair, it can be challenging because of the number of hills," he said.

Siggs said the main advantage for the team is

the fact that they have been training at Kerekes Park and know the course well enough to work around the hilly obstacles.

"Moving the championships to our place puts us in a very good position to win," Siggs said.

The Lady Toppers, who are the reigning back-to-back champions, go into the competition eager to hold off competitors like Arkansas-Little Rock. The Lady Trojans will give them a run for the title, Long said.

"Right now our team is in good shape and healthy," he said.

"Anyone who comes out to the race will be impressed with racing and individual battles that will go down."

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# READY: Defense No. 6 in I-AA

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The Saluki rushing attack is led by junior Akech Whitlock. "Whitlock is one of three running backs in the conference who averaged more than a hundred yards a game. Whitlock is third in the conference, averaging 110.2 yards per game and has scored six touchdowns. "They are very strong from top to bottom offensively," Elson said. "Western's defense hasn't

been very hospitable in the rushing category.

The Toppers rush defense is first in the conference and sixth in Division I-AA, allowing 98.1 rushing yards per game. In Western's last two games, the Toppers have given up 65 rushing yards a game.

"Out of everything we do, the first thing to do is shut down the run," senior cornerback Dennis Mitchell said. "When we shut down the run, we can go after the passer."

Southern Illinois coach Jerry Kill will coach the game tonight.

Kill suffered a seizure in a game against Illinois State Oct. 14. The seizure came with 30 seconds left in the game and Southern Illinois losing 41-35. Kill was on the sidelines for last week's game against Indiana State, but did not coach.

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# HELPS: Transition was smooth

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thing from organizing equipment before away games, leading pre-game warm-up drills and gathering information on upcoming opponents.

"Brandon was a good player; he came from a good club background with good coaching," Holmes said. "He has taken all the skills he has learned and applied them."

Bailey said the transition has been smooth thanks to the help of former teammate and fellow student assistant Trey Alexander.

"Coaching with Trey has been real nice," Bailey said. "We get along well, and if there's things that I'm particu-

larly not well at, Trey's right there to pick it up."

Bailey has not only had the help of the coaching staff, but of the players as well, many of whom are his former teammates.

"It's another opinion," junior midfielder Alex Sheikh said. "Other than (Holmes) or other than Trey's, just to have another guy if he sees something different we're doing wrong, he can give us his opinion and help us out."

Holmes said Bailey has been an instrumental part of this season's 8-6-1 team by helping the players learn the intangibles of the game that help a team win. But Bailey admits that he misses playing the game.

"The toughest part of the transition has been not being able to play," Bailey said. "Getting used to coming to practice and seeing everybody play — the feelings of wanting to be out there — that's been the hardest part of coaching."

Sheikh said the players are able to trust Bailey because he is a former teammate.

After graduation, Bailey said coaching soccer at some level as an option.

"I would definitely see myself coaching somewhere," Bailey said. "At what level, I don't know, but I definitely want to pursue some career in coaching."

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# BASH: Sunday FIU match canceled

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freshman libero Kelly Hofmeyer and junior libero Ashley Delgano.

"I thought we served well and adjusted well to things we needed to fix," Hofmeyer said. The match against Belmont

was also the last non-conference game for the Lady Toppers. They have four more conference matches before the conference tournament begins on Nov. 17, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Lady Toppers next match is at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in

Diddle Arena against Arkansas State. Sunday's match at Florida International was cancelled because of Hurricane Wilma with no plans to reschedule.

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## Tops ready for Saluki showdown

By Wes Watt  
Herald reporter

Heading into Western's game against No. 9 Southern Illinois at 6:30 tonight, the Hilltoppers seem to have gotten back the one thing they have been missing — defense.

Western's 42-7 win over Western Illinois on Saturday was the second consecutive game in which the Toppers held an opponent under 300 yards of total offense.

Before a 37-28 win over Missouri State on Oct. 15, Western had given up

over 400 yards a game against Auburn, Indiana State and Illinois State.

During the last two games, Western's defense has been as tight as a freshly sealed jelly jar. The Toppers gave up 214 yards against Missouri State and 146 against Western Illinois.

The improvement came after coach David Elson took over the defensive play calling duties for defensive coordinator coach Mike Dietzel.

"Coach Elson told us that the first games we played weren't played to the expectation of Western Kentucky defense," sophomore linebacker Andre Lewis said.

The defensive improvement could not have come at a better time. Southern Illinois is first in the Gateway Conference in scoring offense, averaging 44.1 points per game.

To go along with the touchdowns, the Salukis average 450 yards per game and are the second best passing team in the conference, averaging 256 yards per game.

Senior quarterback Joel Sambrinsky has thrown for 1,504 yards and 15 touchdowns. Senior receivers Brent Little and Kellen Allen have been the

two main players in the passing game.

Little averages 73.1 yards per game and has five touchdowns. Allen averages 43.3 yards per game and has five touchdowns.

The Toppers' defense had success against the best passing team in the Gateway in Western Illinois on Saturday. Western held the Leathernecks to 127 passing yards.

To complement the passing game, Southern Illinois brings an offense that rushes for 193.7 yards per game.

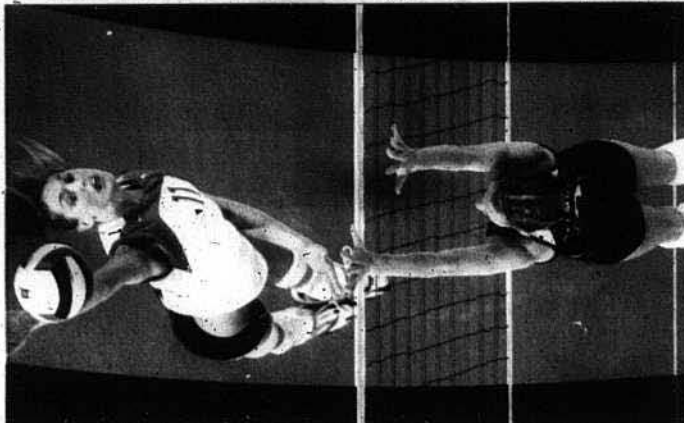
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### The Breakdown

Five Western and Southern Illinois players on the stat sheet. Statistics are averages per game with their ranking in the eight-team Gateway Conference.

	Western	Southern
Points/game	28.9 (1)	44.2 (8)
Rush offense	206.9 (3)	162.7 (4)
Pass offense	150.7 (7)	256 (2)
Total offense	447.6 (3)	440.5 (5)
Rush defense	83.3 (1)	167.6 (8)
Pass defense	225.4 (5)	289.4 (7)
Total defense	318.6 (5)	307.3 (6)

### Western 3, Belmont 0



Nathan Morgan/Herald

Freshman middle hitter Megan Agrabright slams the ball against Belmont Tuesday night. Agrabright had 16 kills in Western's 3-0 sweep of the visiting Bruins.

## Western bashes Bruins as streak hits 6

By Beth Wilberding  
Herald reporter

The Lady Toppers got a Halloween treat about a week early with their sixth straight win, though Belmont had a few tricks to give out before the match was over.

Western swept the Bruins, 30-23, 30-25, 30-22 in Diddle Arena Tuesday night.

Sophomore middle hitter Jenna Gideon tied a NCAA record when she hit for 1,000

percent with 10 kills and 10 attempts.

"Our offense once again was unbelievable," she said. Belmont coach Deane Webb said he was proud of how the Bruins (18-12) were able to stay competitive.

"Playing a team of that level helps us learn and pushes us forward," he said.

The Lady Toppers (24-2, 8-0 Sun Belt Conference East Division) dominated play during the first two games. After

being tied at three early in the second game, the Lady Toppers would not give up the lead.

In game three, however, Belmont pulled out their tricks. Bruin sophomore setter Colleen Nilson scored the opening point of the game. A kill by senior outside hitter Crystal Towler tied the game at one.

The Bruins then went on a three-point run, and the Lady Toppers struggled. Western didn't regain the lead until it

scored four in a row to make it 15-13.

With the game tied at 19, the Lady Toppers went on a 6-0 run and Belmont never came back.

"I thought we did very well, especially in game three," Gideon said.

Serving also helped the Lady Toppers. Western had six aces, two each from Towler,

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### Cross Country

## Hurricane moves title meet to BG

By Abbey Shull  
Herald reporter

The challenging hills of Bowling Green's Keriakes Park were named the replacement host for this weekend's Sun Belt Conference Cross Country Championships.

Western was announced as the new host for the championships on Tuesday after Florida International was unable to because of Hurricane Wilma, coach Curtis Long said.

"It was a conference decision," he said. "We were chosen over North Texas because of the condition of our facility, and Bowling Green was easier for other schools to get to on late notice."

With other Sun Belt competitors scrambling to change travel and lodging reservations, Western runners will have an advantage. They will get an extra day of practice, plenty of rest and most importantly, the home field advantage, Long said.

"Even though we had a glamorous site to run on in Miami, running at home with our family and friends there to show support gives us an edge," he said.

Junior Cozman Sigei said even though the home course advantage may give his teammates the upper hand, he would have preferred running in the Miami heat.



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## Student assistant helps Tops after injury

By David Harten  
Herald reporter

In any sport, certain transitions can be hard to make.

From switching positions to adjusting to a new coach, there are always different aspects that have to be learned.

In the case of Western men's soccer student assistant coach, senior Brandon Bailey, his transition was a unique one: switching from the playing field to the sidelines in a

matter of months.

"The Coppell, Texas native spent the past three seasons as a midfielder for the Toppers, scoring eight goals and collecting six assists. He appeared in 56 matches, starting 40 of them and compiled 22 total points in his career."

Last season, he scored two goals and led the team with four assists.

But when Bailey tore his left anterior cruciate ligament for the second time at the end of last season, it abruptly ended his playing

career. The injury gave him a chance to become a student assistant coach for Western.

"I just listen, take what I learned on the field and apply it to coaching," Bailey said. "And I learned other things from coach (David) Holmes."

As a student assistant, Bailey is responsible for a number of things both on and off the field. His responsibilities include every

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Student assistant Brandon Bailey will graduate in May.

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